

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Taisuke HIROOKA et al. Application No.: 10/559,704 Confirmation No.: 1845 Filing or 371(c) Date: December 7, 2005 Title: SUBSTRATE FOR THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SUBSTRATE	Art Unit: 2627 Examiner: C. Garcia
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement issued on July 21, 2009, Applicant elects Group I, including claims 23-39 and 44 for prosecution in the present application. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant hereby reserves the right to file a Divisional Application to pursue prosecution of the non-elected claims.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 5, 2009

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